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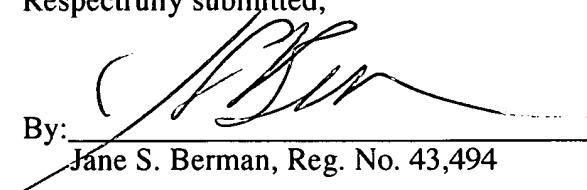
By this Amendment, claims 1-20 currently pending in the international application have been amended in order to remove multiple dependency.

Enclosed is an accurate English translation of the international application PCT/JP2004/017468 filed on November 25, 2004. The contents of said application and of the priority application, Japan App. Ser. No. 2003-394218 filed November 25, 2003, are hereby incorporated by reference into this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305. The Examiner is encouraged to call the Robert J. Schneider, attorney for Applicant(s), at the direct number (312) 845-3919 with any questions that arise in connection with this application.

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